

PROGRESS REPORT

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ATIC NO. --- DATE OF INFO 5 Aug 1949 51
AF NO. --- ✓ LOCATION Medford, Ore.
REPORT NO. --- SOURCE Airmen and Tower Operators
DATE OF REPORT --- DATE IN TO ATIC ---
TIME OF OBSERVING 1200P to 1230 P COLOR Shiny
SHAPE --- Varying slow to fast
SIZE --- SPEED very fast Measured
ALTITUDE Very High Estimated
COURSE W LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED ---
NO. IN GROUP Varying 1-7 TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground
LOUDNESS --- MANEUVERS Horizontal maneuvers only
PHOTOGRAPH SKETCHES --- When tower personnel observed object through binoculars, wings were noted. The objects would fly formation for a while, break off and reform in a trail formation. They would disappear temporary ATIC Form 329 for short periods but reappeared in the same general area.
(2 Jan 52) other details of this site)

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SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

(6) [REDACTED], Commercial Aviation,
Medford, Oregon, address [REDACTED],
Medford, Oregon.

(7) [REDACTED], Oregon, [REDACTED],
Medford, Oregon, address [REDACTED],
Medford, Oregon.

d. Photographs of objects if available: Photo-
graphs of objects are not available.

e. Sketches of object's configuration: Sketches of
object's configuration are not available.

f. Objects sighted:

(1) Number: Varying from one (1) to seven (7).

(2) Shape: Undetermined.

(3) Size: Undetermined.

(4) Color: Shiny.

(5) Speed: Varying from slow to very fast.

(6) Heading: Objects did not hold any specific
heading and were last seen heading west.

(7) Maneuverability: Objects maneuvered hori-
zontally but not vertically.

(8) Altitude: Very high.

(9) Sound: None.

(10) Exhaust trail or not: None.

g. General remarks: Personnel from Medford Airways
first sighted the objects and notified Medford Tower and Med-
ford Radio. Personnel from Medford Radio used the theodolite
to get a better look at the objects. Personnel from Medford
Tower used binoculars and were able to distinguish wings on

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the objects but no further identification could be detected. The objects would fly formation for a while and then break off and reform in a trail formation. They would disappear for short periods and then reappear in the same general area. Objects were visible to the unaided eye only when they reflected the sun's rays.

Earl J. Livesay
EARL J. LIVESAY
Lt. Col., USAF
Commanding

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INCIDENT NO. 419

1. Date of Observation 8 Aug 49 Date of Interview _____
2. Exact Time (local) 1130 P
3. Place of Observation
4. Position of observer
5. What attracted attention to object
6. Number of objects 3
7. Apparent size
8. Color of object Silver
9. Shape
10. Altitude Presumed to have been above 17,000'
11. Direction from observer
12. Distance from observer
13. Direction of flight of object(s)
14. Time in sight
15. Speed Very fast greater than Standard Jet Planes
16. Sound and odor
17. Trail
18. Luminosity
19. Projections
20. Maneuvers
21. Manner of disappearance
22. Effect on Clouds
23. Additional information concerning object
24. Weather Conditions

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The following was taken from Info Doc 10-582, AF 98276:

SUBJECT: Report of Sighting of "Flying Discs"

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
 Wright Patterson AF Base
 Dayton, Ohio
 ATTN: TSM

1. The following information received from the non-commissioned Officer in Charge, Detachment 1908-1, 1905th AACB Squadron, Redford Municipal Airfield, Redford, Oregon, is submitted in accordance with USAF Letter, subject "Reporting of Information on "Flying Discs" dated 9 February 1948.

2. "At approximately 1130P, 8 Aug 49, a shiny object was seen in the sky by a member of this Detachment and reported to the writer. Almost immediately thereafter, another such object was sighted, and the Control Tower was requested to locate and attempt to identify the objects, since the altitude was too great for accurate observation without the aid of binoculars. The Control Tower operator on duty, [REDACTED], reported to Seattle Air Traffic Control and McChord Flight Service that he had seen three (3) silver-colored objects at an undetermined altitude, apparently with conventional wings, going "very fast". An informal conversation with Mr. [REDACTED] revealed that the objects sighted appeared to be moving at a speed comparable to or greater than that of standard jet aircraft, and an unofficial altitude estimate of thirty thousand (30,000) feet. No accurate altitude estimate could be obtained, due to the absence of clouds to form a basis for such an estimate. However, a United Air Lines DC-4 in the vicinity at seventeen thousand (17,000) feet reported to the Tower that he was unable to see any strange objects; therefore, presumably the objects can be definitely determined to have been above that height. Further investigation by means of aircraft proved fruitless, since the objects were not seen again for some time prior to their arrival. Numbers of reports were received of sightings after it was generally known that some strange objects had been seen; but it is believed that these sightings were balls of lightning prevalent in the area at the time."

3. "No definite conclusions as to the identity or nature of the objects were reached by this Detachment, since accurate observations could not be made. Therefore, the foregoing information is essentially that furnished by Mr. [REDACTED]."

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Name and address of observer:

Occupation and hobbies:

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer(s):

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

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ARMY AIR FORCES
AIRWAYS AND AIR COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE, ATC
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HEADQUARTERS 1905TH AACCS SQUADRON
McChord AF Base, Washington

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15 August 1949

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TO: Commanding General
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Wright Patterson AF Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: TSDIN

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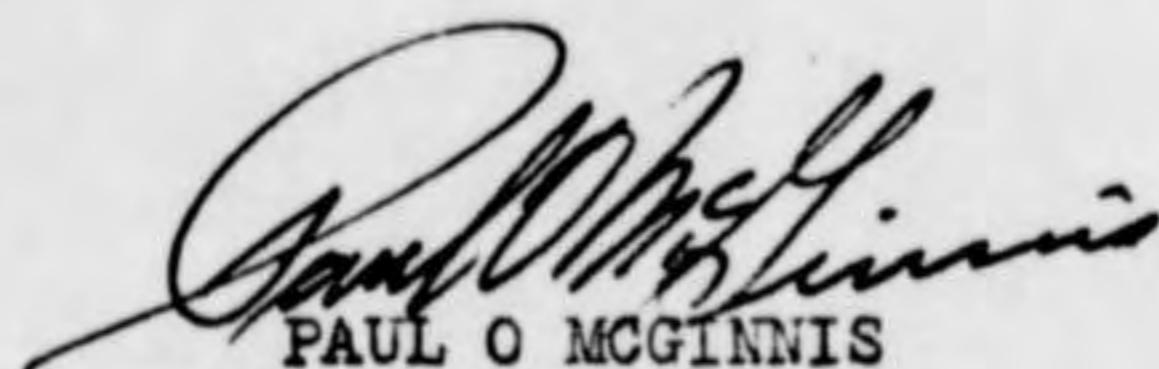
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FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:



PAUL O MCGINNIS
1st Lt, USAF
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cc: Hq USAF
Hq AACCS
1800th AACCS Wg
1801st AACCS Gp

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FROM FLIGHT SVC CENTER MCCHORD AFB TACOMA WASH 082219Z
TO MCIAFB ATTN MCIAXC-3

INFO FLIGHT SVC WASHINGTON DC

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RE 78 REG 200-4 FOLLOWING REPORT OF SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS IS SUBMITTED: A. EAST AND SOUTHEAST OF MEDFORD OREGON, 1120 TO 1230 P, 8 AUGUST 1949. B. CLEAR VISIBILITY 30 MILES. C. (1) CPL [REDACTED] (2) STAFF SGT [REDACTED] (3) CPL [REDACTED]. OCCUPATIONS OF ABOVE PERSONNEL: AACG [REDACTED] OPERATORS OF [REDACTED] AIRWAYS. ADDRESS AACG DETACHMENT 1905-1 MEDFORD OREGON. (4) CAA [REDACTED]. (5) [REDACTED] OCCUPATIONS, CAA [REDACTED] OPERATOR, MEDFORD AIRPORT MEDFORD OREGON. ADDRESS P O [REDACTED] MEDFORD ORE. (6) [REDACTED] (7) [REDACTED] OCCUPATIONS [REDACTED] CAA RANGE STATIC MEDFORD ORE. ADDRESS P O [REDACTED] MEDFORD ORE. D. NOT AVAILABLE. E. NOT AVAILABLE. F. (1) VARYING FROM 127 (2) UNDETERMINED (3) UNDETERMINED (4) SHINY (5) VARYING FROM SLOW TO VERY FAST. (6) OBJECTS DID NOT HOLD ANY SPECIFIC HEADING AND WERE LAST SEEN HEADING WEST. (7) OBJECTS MANEUVERED HORIZONTALLY BUT NOT VERTICALLY (8) VERY HIGH (9) NONE. (10) NONE. G. PERS FM [REDACTED] AIRWAYS FIRST SIGHTED THE OBJECTS AND NOTIFIED MEDFORD TOWER AND MEDFORD RADIO. PERS FM MEDFORD RADIO USED THE THEODALITE TO GET A BETTER LOOK AT THE OBJECTS. PERS FM MEDFORD TOWER USED BINOCULARS AND WERE ABLE TO DISTINGUISH WINGS ON THE OBJECTS BUT NO FURTHER IDENTIFICATION COULD BE DETECTED. THE OBJECTS WOULD FLY FORMATION FOR A WHILE AND THEN BREAK OFF AND REFORM IN TRAIL FORMATION. THEY WOULD DISAPPEAR FOR SHORT PERIODS AND THEN REAPPEAR IN THE SAME GENERAL AREA. OBJECTS WERE VISIBLE TO THE UNAIDED EYE ONLY WHEN THEY REFLECTED THE SUNS RAYS. SIGNED LIVESAY

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MCCHORD FLIGHT SERVICE CENTER
McChord Air Force Base
Washington

TCM 452

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SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson AF Base, Ohio
ATTENTION: MCIAKC-3

1. The following report of sighting of unidentified flying objects is submitted:

a. Location and time of sighting: East and south-east of Medford, Oregon, 1120P to 1230P, 8 August 1949.

b. Weather at the time: Sky clear, visibility thirty (30) miles.

c. Names, occupations, and addresses of witnesses:

- (1) Corporal [REDACTED], [REDACTED] Airways, address [REDACTED] Detachment [REDACTED], Medford, Oregon.
- (2) Staff Sergeant [REDACTED], [REDACTED] Airways, address [REDACTED] Detachment [REDACTED], Medford, Oregon.
- (3) Corporal [REDACTED], [REDACTED] Airways, address [REDACTED] Detachment [REDACTED], Medford, Oregon.
- (4) [REDACTED], CAA [REDACTED], Medford Airport, Medford, Oregon, address [REDACTED], Medford, Oregon.
- (5) [REDACTED], CAA [REDACTED], Medford Airport, Medford, Oregon, address [REDACTED], Medford, Oregon.

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